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Appl. No. : 10/601,429)
Applicants : Magill et al.)
Filed : June 23, 2003)
TC/A.U. : 2616)
Examiner : Duc Chi Ho)
Docket No. : 8378/89588 (TEL-P-0042))
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Title : BI-DIRECTIONAL RING)
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Appl. No. 10/601,429
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Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of: Magill et al.

Application No.: 10/601,429

Filed: June 23, 2003

For: Bi-Directional Ring Network Having Minimum Spare Bandwidth Allocation and Corresponding Connection Admission Controls

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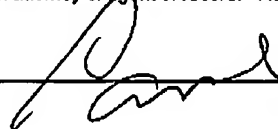
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